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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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TAGS: OVIP (RAJBHANDARI, A.B.)

SUBJECT: RAJBHANDARI'S WASHINGTON VISIT

REF: KATHMANDU 3728

1. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST SECRETARY RAJBHANDARI IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OPIC, AID, AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS. WE ALSO SUGGEST HE TALK TO EX-IM OFFICERS, WHOM WE HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS OF WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RAJBHANDARI MIGHT VISIT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OR LATIN AMERICA, AS WELL AS COMMERCE.

2. ONLY WATER AND POWER TYPE PROJECT WHICH OPIC HAS FINANCED IS KYUNG-IN IN INCHON, SOUTH KOREA. IN ADDITION, OPIC PROVIDED INVESTMENT INSURANCE FOR PHILIPPINES
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GEOHERMAL INC. PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION INSURANCE FOR

A HYDRO PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. WE NOTE THAT U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT HAS NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN WATER AND POWER RESOURCES ABROAD PER SE ALTHOUGH SOME COMPANIES HAVE DONE SO IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER NEARBY

RESOURCES. HENCE WE RECOMMEND RAJBHANDARI NOT MAKE ANY FINAL DECISIONS TO VISIT PROJECTS ELSEWHERE UNTIL HE HAS HAD A CHANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH OPIC AND EX-IM OFFICIALS.

4. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, INTERIOR RECOMMENDS RAJBHANDARI SCHEDULE A STOP OF AT LEAST ONE FULL DAY, PREFERABLY TWO, IN PORTLAND, OREGON, TO MEET WITH BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. MOST DETAILED EXPERTISE ON MATTERS IN WHICH HE IS INTERESTED IS LOCATED THERE.

5. LET US KNOW EXACT DATES OF RAJBHANDARI'S STAY IN WASHINGTON AND WE WILL BEGIN SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS HERE. ROBINSON

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